

District # 3

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Jim Hill

Vice Chair: Danny Becton

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: St. Vincent's Southside
Main Hospital, Auditorium C
4201 Belfort Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
Date: Monday, January 28, 2013

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Becton, Daniel - Deercreek Homeowner Association
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Clapp, Ann - Greater Englewood N.A.
Corrado, Patrick, Chair - Mandarin Community Club
Cuff, Coree, East Hampton HOA
Dobrowski, Norm - Julington Crossing Residential Committee
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association
Heesch-Gilman, Karen - Brierwood Neighborhood Association
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Inman, Roger – Windy Hills Civic Association
Johnson, Sr., Kirby - Wyndam Forest Homeowners
McLean, Robert - Mandarin Community Club
Nichols, Theoda – Greater Sans Souci Neighborhood Association
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association
Retterbush, Blake - San Marco Preservation Society
Rogers, Henry - Rose Creek Condo Association
Rothstein, Marj - Villa San Jose Civic Association
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowners Association
Waddell, John - East Hampton Homeowners Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
McPeek, Patricia – Wolf Creek Condominium Association
Peek, Luther – Los Prados Condominium No. 1, Inc.

Elected Officials:

City Council Member Lori Boyer - District 5
City Council Member Bill Guliford – District 13

Staff:

Barrow, Donna – City Council, At-Large Group 5
Green, James - FDOT

Judge, Jimmy – JSO
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development
Wilson, Scott – City Council, District 3 Assistant

Guests:

Teepie, Suraya – JTA	Kristoff, Dan – RS&H, Inc.
Girardeau, Carolyn – DCPS	Weise, Gary
Pachero, Patty – IOPCA	Eller, Shannon – JTA
Baughn, Trent – Zyscovich	Del Monte, Manuel – Zyscovich
Thoburn, Brad - JTA	

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- Chair Hill inquired if everyone had the opportunity to read the meeting summary and if there were any corrections, deletions or additions. No changes were necessary Vice Chair Becton made a motion to approve the meeting summary and John Waddell seconded the motion. The November 2012 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) –**
 - Lt. Judge introduced himself to the group; he has been with JSO for 23 years and a Lieutenant in Zone 3 for 13 years. Zone 3 has 155 square miles to patrol and 239,000 residents to protect. Lt. Judge shared the end of the year (2012) JSO statistics: there were 137 traffic fatalities in Jacksonville and 36 of them were in Zone 3, violent crime (murder, robbery, armed robbery, etc.) was down 14% in Zone 3 and 10% City wide, property crime (auto burglary, residential burglary) was down 2% in Zone 3 and 3% city wide. Zone 3 had a rash of auto burglaries throughout the year. Most of the auto burglaries were linked to "car hopping"; this is where groups of 2 or 3 canvas a neighborhood on foot and check for unlocked vehicles. Most of the auto burglaries are to unlocked cars, rarely do the crooks do a "smash and grab" anymore. It can't be stressed enough to keep garage doors down when you are not out and near them. Truants are also a problem; if you see kids out & about during school hours or after curfew, please call 630-0500 to report your sighting. There was also some discussion about the Red Light Cameras; Lt. Judge provided and pamphlets that provided details to the Red Light Cameras.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Dr. Carolyn Girardeau, Executive Director for High School Programs, discussed how Duval County Public Schools has successfully expanded its acceleration programs to each of its 21 high schools. She also discussed how she and her team designed middle school initiatives to provide direct feeders into these programs. Member John Waddell, thanked Dr. Girardeau and Duval County Schools for becoming active in the Southeast CPAC. There was a couple of comments in regard to the individuals class rooms being locked after the events that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary; one member felt that locking the doors was too much and another member thanked the school board for taking the additional safety measures.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – informed the group that the FDOT held an open house for the I-95 Overland Bridge project last week on Wednesday and Thursday. For updates on the I-95 Overland Bridge project visit www.I95overlandbridge.com for complete details. Work continues on 9B from 295 to Philips Highway. The 9B extension (from Philips Highway to I-95) has awarded a contract and the contractor should start the

project soon. The project on San Jose Blvd. (by Claire Lane) will continue into the fall 2013. I-95 pavement and highway improvement project between Atlantic Boulevard and J. Turner Butler Boulevard; this project should be finished by the summer of 2013. I-95 pavement repair project between J. Turner Butler Boulevard to south of I-295; this project should be finished in late 2014. I-95 pavement repair project between J. Turner Butler Boulevard to south of I-295; this project should be finished in late 2014. On February 12, 2013, FDOT will hold another community meeting in regard to the 295 Express Lanes (toll lanes) at the Ramada Inn Conference Center, 3130 Hartley Road, 32257. The open house will begin at 4:30 pm and the presentation will begin at 6:30 pm.

o **Neighborhoods Department:**

o **Housing and Community Development Division** – Rosemary Wesolowski

Ms. Wesolowski reminded the group that there is a tour scheduled for the Duval County Court House on February 12, 2013. The tour will begin at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Rosemary.

o **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Robert Crawford

Not present

o **Planning & Development** – Aaron Glick.

o Not present

o **Parks & Recreation** – Pam Roman

o Ms. Roman informed the group that she is our interim liaison representing JaxParks. At this time JaxParks is working to assign district managers for all of the districts. The new district manager will keep all their CPACs up to date on the events and activities that are occurring in their parks. At this time there are not any projects or events in district 3.

4. **Presentations** –

Brad Thoburn, JTA, Dan Kristoff, RS&H, Inc. and Trent Baughn, Zycovich Consulting, spoke on the JTA Southside Blvd. Vision Study that has been underway since March 2012. The group provided an overview of options that they compiled by researching the roadways, drainage, right-away land that is available and input from the previous public meetings. The goals of the study and the community meetings are to enhance mobility/connectivity, stimulate economic activity and to advance, complement and bring value to adjacent land uses and neighborhoods.

At this presentation the speakers focused on the portion of Southside Blvd. between Beach Blvd. and Philips Highway. Within this area of Southside Blvd. they identified 3 distinct areas:

Southern Portion ~ Philips Highway to Deerwood Parkway

Central Southern Portion ~ Deerwood Parkway to Touchton Road

Central Northern Portion ~ Touchton Road to Beach Blvd

There is a 4th portion in the study; the Northern Portion ~ Beach Blvd to Atlantic Blvd, but this is in a different CPAC/Planning District was not really covered in the presentation.

It was stated that they have been looking for community input because the goal is to create a corridor that meets both the needs and aspirations of the surrounding communities. The study has 3 goals: Enhance Mobility and Connectivity, Stimulate Economic Activity and Advance, Complement and Bring Value to Adjacent Land Uses and Neighborhoods. Within each of these goals there are many objects.

The presenter clearly stated that Southside Blvd. is an FDOT road and all they ideas and suggestions that they are soliciting for their study would be required to comply with the guidelines that FDOT has in place for their roadways. With that said, they stated that they

hoped to include better landscaping, re-design the roads to lower the speed, offer multi modal transportation, include bike lanes and multi-use lanes (for walkers, runners, family bike trips...). The bulk of the presentation relied on a PowerPoint presentation that showed their visualizations through artist renditions for roadway improvements. They encourage the group to view the study online at www.JTAFLA.com

There were a number of questions:

Is funding been identified to make the improvements that will be suggested from the vision project? No, funding beyond the study has not been identified.

Why are bike lanes always by busy/high traffic lanes? There are individuals that prefer to cycle along the traffic lanes, which the vision plan will keep, but the vision will also include multi-use lanes that families can use that will be buffered from the road.

How are you envisioning the roadway to be re-developed? There are many variables that need to be addressed. In some areas the actual road will need to be changed and in other areas right of ways will be developed. Once the study is completed and the plan is finalized those questions can be answered with specifics.

Your drawing didn't illustrate pedestrian crossing, do you plan any? There hasn't been a lot of feedback in regard to pedestrian crossings; if that is what the community would like we want the community to let us know and identify areas that would be improved with crossings.

What area of Southside Blvd. is the busiest? Butler Blvd to Atlantic Blvd is the busiest.

Will improvements be made to the I-95 entry ramp (near the Belle Rive Community)? Yes, they are looking at their options and possibilities.

Chairs report - Chair Hill introduced the 2013 Subcommittee Chairs to the group. The Subcommittee Chairs are:

Beautification & Parks ~ Richard "Dick" Cardell

Membership ~ Kathleen Perera

Transportation/Growth Management ~ Danny Becton

Economic Development ~ Gloria Stephens

Education ~ George Banks

Safety ~ Betty Wolfe & Roger Inman

Land Use & Zoning (LUZ) ~ Jim Hill & Michael Lashbrook

T.R.U.E. Commission ~ Danny Becton

NFTPO Representative ~ Jim Hill

Chair Hill encouraged the group to share feedback in regard to what they liked about the CPAC, what they wanted from the CPAC and to share any requests for speakers. Chair Hill also asked for 5 volunteers to help the Membership Subcommittee to reach out to other communities.

Chair Hill turned the meeting over to the 2011/2012 Chair, Pat Corrado, so former Chair Corrado could present the 2012 Volunteer Appreciation Certificates to the Subcommittee Chairs. Corrado shared his appreciation to the group for their support while he was chair.

Elected Officials Reports –

Councilmember Boyer informed the group that due to the change of solid waste collection method (automated trucks) in the Arlington area the Public Works Department has collected the blue recycling bins from that area. The blue recycling bins will be divided up and shared with the city council members to distribute within their districts. If you need to replace your blue bin, please contact your City Council Representative.

Councilmember Gulliford informed the group that Republic Waste has gone to the automated collection system and that he believed that there will be a push to expand the automated collection system city wide.

On behalf of At- Large Councilmember Lumb, Donna Barrow encouraged the CPAC members to serve on one of the City Council Boards and/or Commissions. Ms. Barrow left paperwork on the back table in regard to the various boards and commissions.

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs- Jim Hill, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Hill stated the LUZ subcommittee discussed many issues, no motions or actions were taken.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Not present

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

The Mayo Clinic has announced that they will be adding 2 additional floors to the hospital; this will be a \$100 million dollar construction project. Then they announced that they will be expanding their adjoining facilities with a 4 million dollar project. JAA & FDOT are jointly building a new 157,000 sq. ft. hanger at Cecil Commerce Center; this will be used by Flight Star. Bass Pro Shop will open a new store at 9B & I-95 when the road way is complete. That will be a 140,000 sq. ft. store with a large lake; the store is expected to open in the 2nd quarter of 2014 and add 250 jobs. JARU is a toy importer and they will be consolidating their operations to a new 450,000 sq. ft. facility/distribution center in the Flagler Center (Philips Highway & St. Augustine Road). The new JARU facility will cost \$14 million dollars. Governor Scott announced that \$38 million has been awarded to the Mile point project; this money should help improve the waterways and be beneficial to JaxPort. Lastly, stated that the City has lost a number of important leaders lately to other cities. We need to be aware of these changes.

Education – George Banks

Not present, but Chair Hill thanked John Waddell for co-chairing this subcommittee and he looked forward to new member Coree Cuff working on this subcommittee.

Membership – Kathleen Perera, Subcommittee Chair

Introduced new member, Coree Cuff, as the new representative for East Hampton Homeowners Association. John Waddell will serve as the alternate. It was also announced that Karen Heesch-Gilman and Kirby Johnson would help Kathleen in her community outreach. Additional volunteers should contact Kathleen if they are interested.

Transportation – Growth Management -Danny Becton, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Becton thanked the staff of JTA, RS&H and Zycovich for presenting. He also announced that the SE CPAC & Transportation/Growth Management subcommittee will host another public meeting on February 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Deerwood FSCJ Campus. Everyone was encouraged to attend and to invite their neighbors and local businesses.

Safety – Betty Wolfe and Roger Inman, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Informed they group that a home was broken into in her neighborhood (Pickwick Park). JSO caught the person, which turned out to be a high school student. Keep reporting any suspicious activity.

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – no report

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)

John Waddell made a motion to adjourn and Henry Rogers seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 25, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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